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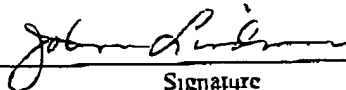
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Dear Madam:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 8, 2001, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 49 as follows:

49. (Twice Amended) A catheter shaft comprising.

a first tube including an inflation lumen in fluid contact with a dilation balloon, an inside wall surface, an outside wall surface, and a first tube length, said first tube having an orifice in a portion of said first tube;